# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# DEFENCE
# LOK SABHA

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INQUIRY INTO H.D.W. SCAM
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the CBI has reportedly failed together evidence against the accused in the Rs. 420 crore HDW scam;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of efforts made by the CBI in regard thereto so far;

(d) whether CBI has requested the Government to negotiate with the German Government to get the evidence;

(e) if so, the steps being taken by the Government in this direction; and

(f) the stage at which the matter stands at present?

## Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (f): The case registered by CBI on 5th March, 1990 relating to HDW Submarine deal, is still under investigation. The CBI have informed that a large part of investigation was required to be carried out in Switzerland and Germany. Letters Rogatory issued by the Court of Special Judge, Delhi on 20th January, 1998 were presented to the competent authorities in Switzerland and Germany on 23rd February, 1998 and 3rd February, 1998, respectively. While the German authorities have expressed their inability to accede to CBI's request for assistance in view of European Human Rights Convention and their constitutional law, the results of Letter Rogatory from Switzerland are still awaited. The execution of Letter Rogatory at Germany and Switzerland is being pursued by the CBI directly as also through the Ministry of External Affairs/Embassy of India in Germany.

Status Report on the progress of investigations is also being submitted by the CBI to the Delhi High Court regularly in the context of pending/Public Interest Litigation Petition filed on 9th May, 1997.